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**Regional Arts Commission
Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes
July 30, 2026
1:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call

Co-chair Gennaria welcomed everyone to the Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee @1:00 p.m. and asked Cooksey for roll call.

Commissioners Present

Co-chair Jerry **Gennaria**, yea, Co-chair Gerad **Ewing**, yea, Sam **Fiorello**, yea; Beverly **Isom**, yea, Mont **Levy**, yea
Constantino **Ochoa**, ex-officio, yea

Staff Attendees

Vanessa Cooksey, Savannah Babington, Ann Haubrich, Lea Sutherlin, 1:35p

Others in Attendance

Atty. Rich Finneran

Jenny Schmidt, Ravenyard Group

Strategic Capitol Consulting

Thomas Robbins

Caleb Rowden

Recognition of Public Guests

None in attendance.

Approval of July 16, 2026 Minutes

Co-chair Gennaria, called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Fiorello and unanimously carried to approve the July 16, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Isom, Levy, Ochoa

Nay – none

Abstain – none

Update on Government & Legal Affairs – Closed Session [Privileged & Confidential - Legal Matter RSMO 610.021(1)]





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Gennaria called for a motion for closed session for Update on Government & Legal Affairs [Privileged & Confidential - Legal Matter pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1)].

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Ochoa and unanimously carried to close the July 30, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting for Update on Government & Legal Affairs [Privileged & Confidential - Legal Matter pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1)]. RAC's legal representation was present. Votes were as follows:

**Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Isom, Levy, Ochoa
Nay – none
Abstain - none**

CLOSED SESSION HELD/Privileged and Confidential @ 1:07p

Co-chair Gennaria called for a motion to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the July 30, 2026 of the Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Ewing, seconded by Ochoa and unanimously approved to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the July 30, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee @ 2p.

**Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Isom, Levy, Ochoa
Nay – none
Abstain - none**

Roll Call & Adjournment

Gennaria called for a motion to adjourn the July 30, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Fiorello, seconded by Levy, and unanimously approved to adjourn the July 30, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 2:02 p.m. Votes were as follows:

**Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Isom, Levy, Ochoa
Nay – none
Abstain - none**

Submitted by
L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator

